

REMARKS

In the specification, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

Claims 1 to 18 are cancelled in favor of new claims 19 to 30. It is believed that no new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. On entry, claims 19 to 30 are active in this application.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of-record, Anneliese Seifert (Reg. No. 54,434), at (651) 306-5661.

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